GOVERNMENT OF ANDHRA PRADESH ABSTRACT

Public Servants – Social Welfare Department – Warangal district – Sri P. Rajeshwar, Ex-Warden, S.W. Boys Hostel, Maripeda (Now retired as H.W.O. Grade-I, S.W. Boys Hostel, (D) Hanumakonda) – Committed certain serious irregularities in maintenance of SW Hostel during the years 1991-92 to 1993-94 – Disciplinary proceedings concluded – Punishment of Cut in pension equivalent to penalty of stoppage of (5) Five Annual Grade Increments with cumulative effect besides recovery of misappropriated amount of `2,71,688 – Imposed – orders – Issued.

Social Welfare (Ser.III.1) Department

G.O. Rt. No. 596

Dated: 04-09-2012 Read the following:

- 1. Govt. Memo.No.16590/A3/1997-1, Dated 13.10.1997 SWD, A.P., Hyderabad.
- 2. Proceedings No.VC-II/3024/1995, Dated 20.11.1997 of CSW, Hyderabad.
- 3. G.O.Rt.No.46, SW (SC.Ser.1.2) Department, Dated 03.02.1998.
- 4. Commissioner of Social Welfare, Andhra Pradesh, Hyderabad, Letter No.Audit.III/8107/1998, Dated 21.02.2000.
- 5. Collector, Warangal Progs.No.B1/621/2000-I (22), Dated 22.07.2000.
- 6. Collector, Warangal, Progs. Rc. No. B1/621/2000, Dated 30.01.2002.
- 7. Inquiring Authority & R.D.O., Mulugu, Lr.Rc.No.A/418/ 2002, Dated 12.10.2004.
- 8. Collector, Warangal Memo.Rc.No.A1/621/2000-I (22), Dt. 25.4.2007.
- 9. Explanation Dated 09.05.2007 of Sri P. Rajeshwar, formerly Warden, now retired.
- 10. Govt. Memo. No.11952/SW.Ser.III.1/2008-6, dt. 6.7.2011.
- 11.Explanation dated 16.8.2011 of Sri P.Rajeshwar, Retired HWO(Gr.I).
- 12. Secretary, APPSC, Lr. No. 15/RT/3/2012, dt. 12.4.12.

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ORDER:

On receipt of credible information on certain serious financial irregularities committed by the Wardens / Matrons of Social Welfare Hostels in Warangal District in maintenance of Hostels / Institutions during the year 1993-94, the Joint Director (Vigilance), O/o the Commissioner of Social Welfare, A.P., Hyderabad, conducted preliminary enquiry into the irregularities committed by the Wardens / Matrons and submitted the report.

- 2. Definite charges were framed against (32) Wardens / Matrons including P. Rajeshwar, Ex-Warden, S.W. Boys Hostel, Maripeda (Now retired as H.W.O. Grade-I, S.W. Boys Hostel, (D) Hanumakonda), based on the report of Joint Director (Vigilance). After receipt of the explanations from the Charged Officers, the Assistant Director (Legal Cell), O/o the Commissioner of Social Welfare, Hyderabad, was appointed as Common Inquiry Officer under Rule 24 (1) of APCS (CC&A) Rules vide Commissioner of Social Welfare Procgs.No.M1/21006/94, dated 04.06.1995, to conduct detailed inquiry. The Assistant Director (Legal Cell) has conducted the inquiry and submitted his report on 30.12.1995.
- 3. The District Collector, Warangal, who is the disciplinary authority in respect of Wardens / Matrons, after receipt of the inquiry report, has passed final orders imposing the penalties against the Wardens/Matrons duly following the procedure contemplated in APCS (CC&A) Rules, 1991.

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- 4. Government, in the reference 1st read above, observed that without conducting special audit and without assessing the actual misappropriation of amounts in the case of Social Welfare Hostels, the penalties already imposed based on the enquiry report by the District Collector/Commissioner of Social Welfare, does not seem to be in order and in the result it may whittle down the CBCID case in process. The Government, has therefore, accorded permission to the Commissioner of Social Welfare, A.P., Hyderabad, to reopen the cases of misappropriation of Government funds in Social Welfare Hostels in Warangal District, and to take up fresh inquiry under Rule 41 of Andhra Pradesh Civil Services (CC&A) Rules, 1991.
- 5. In the reference 2nd read above, the Commissioner of Social Welfare, A.P., Hyderabad, has issued orders for reopening the disciplinary cases against (31) Warden/ Matrons under Rule 41 of Andhra Pradesh Civil Services (CC&A) Rules, 1991.
- 6. Government vide G.O 3rd read above, have issued orders for conducting of Special Audit on the misappropriation of Government funds and financial irregularities in Government Welfare Hostels/Other Institutions of Warangal District, for a period of three years from 1991-92 to 1993-94. The Special Audit Party conducted the audit of all the Government Social Welfare Hostels/Other Institutions in the District for the periods from 1991-92 to 1993-94 and submitted its reports to the Commissioner of Social Welfare, A.P., Hyderabad.
- 7. In the reference 4th read above, the Commissioner of Social Welfare, has communicated the Special Audit Reports to the District Collector, Warangal for taking further action in the matter.
- 8. In the references 5th read above, Articles of Charge were framed against P. Rajeshwar, Ex-Warden, S.W. Boys Hostel, Maripeda (Now retired as H.W.O. Grade-I, S.W. Boys Hostel, (D) Hanumakonda), for committing certain financial irregularities in maintenance of the Hostels, during the years 1991-92 to 1993-94.
- 9. In the reference 6th read above, the Revenue Divisional Officer, Mulugu, Warangal District was appointed as the Inquiring Authority to inquiry into the irregularities.
- 10. In the reference 7th read above, the Inquiring Authority & the Revenue Divisional Officer, Mulugu has submitted the inquiry report holding the Articles of charge framed against the Charged Officer, as not proved.
- 11. In the reference 8th read above, while communicating the disagreement note of the disciplinary authority on the findings of the Inquiring Authority, the Charged Officer was directed to submit the explanation, if any as to why disciplinary action should not be taken against him.
- 12. Sri P. Rajeshwar, Ex-Warden, S.W. Boys Hostel, Maripeda (Now retired as H.W.O. Grade-I, S.W. Boys Hostel, (D) Hanumakonda) has submitted his explanation in the reference 9th read above, requesting to reconsider the findings of the Inquiring Authority and to drop further action..
- 13. Having not convinced with the explanation and holding the charges as proved, Government in the reference 10^{th} read above issued notice to the delinquent officer directing him to show cause as to why a punishment to impose penalty of "percentage of cut in pension equivalent to the penalty of stoppage of (5) increments with cumulative effect besides recovery of an amount of `2,71,688", should not be imposed against him for the irregularities committed by him. The said show cause notice together with Inquiry Report and disagreement note was served on the delinquent officer and the delinquent officer has offered his further explanation vide reference 11^{th} read above.

- 14. The matter was referred to the Andhra Pradesh Public Service Commission for its advice. The APPSC in the reference 12th read above has agreed with the above said proposed penalty.
- 15. After careful examination of the entire matter with reference to the Inquiring Authority, disagreement note of the disciplinary authority and the explanations of the Delinquent officer, in detail, Government have decided to impose a Punishment of Cut in pension equivalent to penalty of stoppage of (5) Five Annual Grade Increments with cumulative effect besides recovery of misappropriated amount of `2,71,688.
- 16. Accordingly, Government hereby order the punishment of Cut in pension equivalent to penalty of stoppage of (5) Five Annual Grade Increments with cumulative effect besides recovery of misappropriated amount of `2,71,688, against Sri P. Rajeshwar, Ex-Warden, S.W. Boys Hostel, Maripeda (Now retired as H.W.O. Grade-I, S.W. Boys Hostel, (D) Hanumakonda) for the irregularities committed in maintenance of the said SW Hostels during the years 1991-92 to 1993-94.
- 17. It is further ordered that these orders do not include the disciplinary proceedings pending against Sri. P.Rajeshwar, for the irregularities noticed, while holding Full Additional Charge of the post of HWO, SW Girls Hostel, Maripeda.
- 18. The District Collector, Warangal shall take necessary further action accordingly under intimation to Government and acknowledge the original record enclosed herewith.

(BY ORDER AND IN THE NAME OF THE GOVERNOR OF ANDHRA PRADESH)

J.RAYMOND PETER, PRICIPAL SECRETARY TO GOVERNMENT.

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Sri. Sri P. Rajeshwar, Ex-Warden, S.W. Boys Hostel, Maripeda (Now retired as H.W.O. Grade-I, S.W. Boys Hostel, (D) Hanumakonda) through the District Collector, Warangal District.

The District Collector, Warangal District (SW) (3 copies)

(With a request to serve the order on the individual and return the served copy)

The Principal Accountant General, A.P., Hyderabad.

The Deputy Accountant General (Pension), O/o AG, A.P., Hyderabad.

The District Treasury Officer, Warangal District.

Copy to:-

The Secretary, Andhra Pradesh Public Service Commission, Hyderabad.

The Secretary, Vigilance Commission, APVC, Hyderabad.

The Commissioner of Social Welfare, A.P., Hyderabad. SF/SC

// FORWARDED:: BY ORDER //

SECTION OFFICER